



The Sisterhood of East End Temple

A Year In Review

2023 - 2024



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Mission Statement

The Sisterhood of East End Temple brings together women in all stages of life in friendship, leadership, and intellectual and spiritual growth.

We listen to women's voices and promote their interests, passions, ideas, and concerns.

Together we engage in tikkun olam by producing timely and relevant programming, fundraising, and advocating for social justice, while nurturing the life of the congregation, its leaders, and the community at large



In 2023/2024, we supported each other through personal losses as we worked together to create a new shared leadership model, inspiring each other to lead, develop creative programming and encourage community building from the ground up. We are resilient.

See our results...

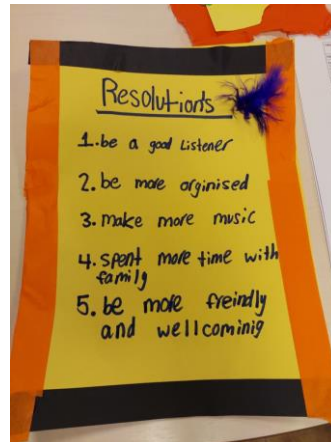


OUR PROGRAMS



September – Welcome Back Scavenger Hunt

Leader: Rachel Gibbs- Shapiro



Rain did not stop us from holding a fun indoor family event!





October – April (Monthly) – Food For Families

Team: Cynthia Dubensky, Marian Fish, Andrea Pincus, Celia Vimont

Started by Sisterhood over 30 years ago.



Intergenerational volunteers made over 10,000 meals to feed hungry New Yorkers!



November – Gifts for College Students

Leader: Fern Stampleman

Packages including a menorah, candles, chocolate gelt, prayers, dreidel and letters from temple clergy and leadership and from the Sisterhood Leadership Team were sent to about 20 college students to keep them connected to EET.



Many of these supplies were donated from the Judaica Shop, financially supported by our Sisterhood, and managed by Fran Kolin.



October – May - Mah Jongg – Twice Monthly Games + Day of Mah Jongg

Leader: Marcia Muskat (with assistance from Nancy Schneider, Marian Klein, Amy Savietz)

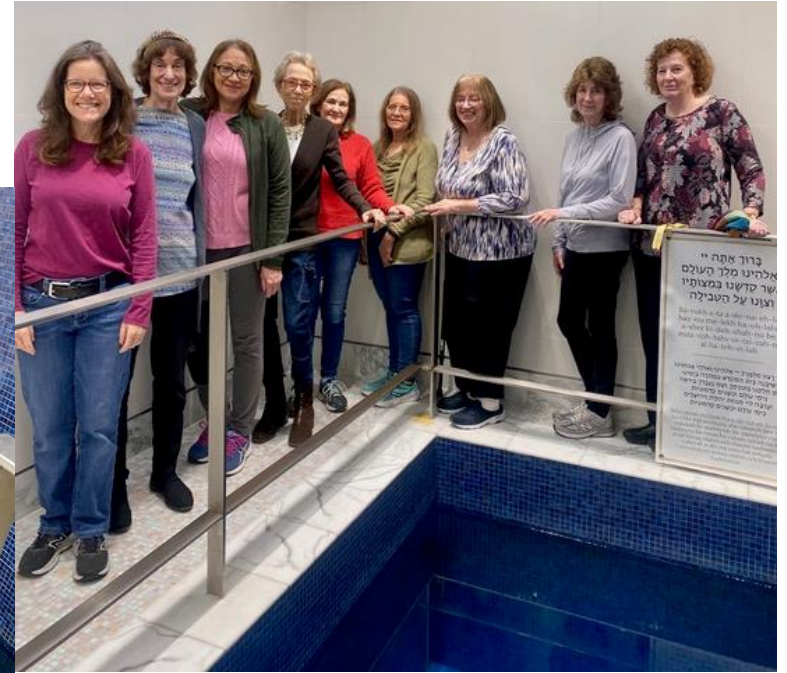
Men and women from EET and our surrounding community learned from our volunteers, played, made new friends and had fun!





December - Mikveh Visit

Leader: Marcia Muskat



Being together and learning
in spiritual community.



December - May (Monthly) – Getting To Know You

Leader: Dr. Ellen Ettinger



Meeting our fascinating EET community!



Cantor Olivia Brodsky



Dr. Beth Gerson



Lily Thrope, MSW



Cindy Donaldson Green, MSW



March – Sisterhood Shabbat

Leaders: Suellen Eshed and Fern Stampleman (Jodi Malcom, Catering)



Congregational tea light lighting.



Intergenerational women on Bima.



Midrash with Rabbi Marla Feldman





Jan to April (Monthly) – Rosh Chodesh Brunch and Study

Leaders: Fern Stampleman, Elissa Macklin, Laurie Truehaft

Intergenerational women being inspired by the study of Rebeka.



Lay led by women passionate about Torah!



January to April – Stitch A Thon / Cold Weather Project

Leader: Fran Kolin



Hats and scarves made with love. About 30 items donated to refugees and another 30 items to the HUC soup kitchen.



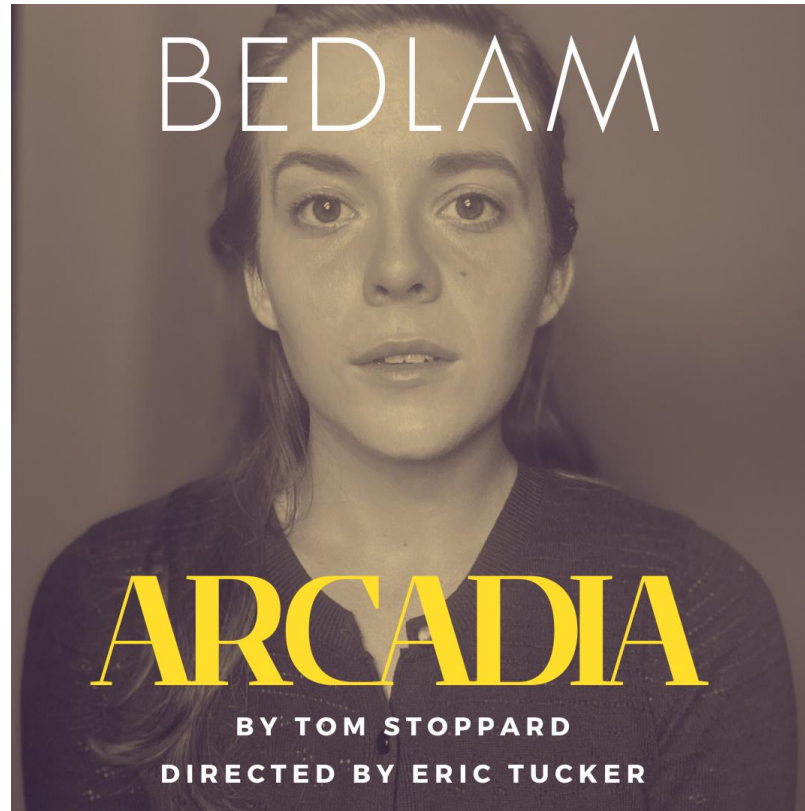


Theater and Lunch - Arcadia

Leader: Jodi Malcom



Sharing an afternoon of culture
and camaraderie.





March – Helene Spring Library Event

Leader: Barbara Ringel



Barbara Ringel and Jennifer Rosner

Homemade dessert buffet!



March/April – Sales of Hamantaschen and Macaroons

Leader: Fran Kolin

Sharing the sweetness
of the holidays – sales
and donations





April – Lilith Seder

Team: Suellen Eshed, Fern Stampleman, Fran Kolin, Jodi Malcom, Barbara Ringel, Andrea Vidars

And the women dancing
with their timbrels!



Reading Haggadah from the
women's perspective.



Joining in song led by our
Cantor Olivia Brodsky!

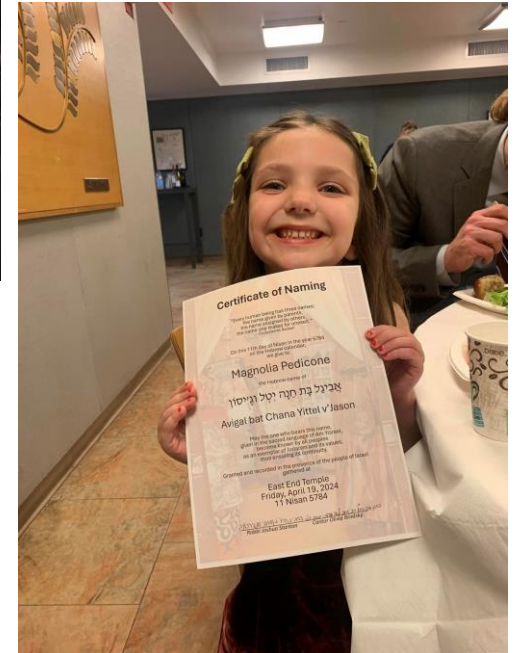


Jan to April – Claim Your Hebrew Name

Leader: Fran Kolin



16 were blessed in April. More in the works, continuing into next year!!





December – March – Shake Your Soul: The Yoga of Dance

Leader: Ronni Aranow





May – June – Jewelry Donations

Leaders: Linda Hetzer and Beth Labush



For many years, Sisterhood ran a profitable jewelry sale, which consisted of donations by members of the community. This year we decided to take what had not been sold and donate the items to the Lower Eastside Girls Club of NY.

They shared the jewelry at two events: with teens at their Prom Dress Giveaway in May, and with the community at large at their Spring Community Sharing party in June. The very appreciative Girls Club leaders had signs on the tables to acknowledge our contribution.





FINANCES



FUNDS/SOURCES OF INCOME

Special thanks to our Finance Committee, led by Judith Lorber, and with the help of Nancy Schneider, Cynthia Dubensky and Liz Gross for creating and monitoring our budget, income and expenses, and working on clarification of our policies. Extra thanks to Liz Gross for her meticulous organization and administration of our detailed finances.

Also, big thank you to EET and Sisterhood member, Judith Sussman, for coordinating an NYU grant to help us to keep our Food For Families Program going!

Fund	Purpose	Manager	\$ Collected
Food For Families*	To fund our Sunday programs, purchasing food and supplies.	Celia Vimont	\$15,000
Library Fund*	To Fund our Library, purchase books and supplies and pay Librarian	Barbara Ringel	\$2,400
Birthday Fund*	To raise money to donate to a local NYC organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls	Jodi Malcom	\$1,800
Leadership Fund*	To support the development of Sisterhood leaders through training programs and conferences	Cynthia Dubensky	\$300
Membership	To support our programs and donations.	Liz Gross	\$9,000
Programs**	Scavenger Hunt, Mah Jongg, Shake Your Soul, Theater	Various	\$2,000

* Restricted Funds **Net of expenses



OUR GIVING

The Sisterhood of East End Temple raises funds to give back to the temple. In the 2023/2024 year, we funded (besides the restricted funds for which we raise money);

- Kiddush cups for our Bet Mitzvah
- A \$6,000 stipend to assist the temple with operational expenses, especially as needed to support Sisterhood programs
- Oneg Shabbats
 - A celebratory dinner and speaker for our Sisterhood Shabbat
 - Shabbat service honoring those with new Hebrew names
- Membership to Women of Reform Judaism (\$18 per member)
- Holiday packages for our college students
- Donation to Cantor's Discretionary Fund for her installation
- Hamantaschen for religious school and onegs
- Luncheon and cake honoring the memory of Helene Spring
- Thank you gifts to our office staff.



WE ARE SO GLAD TO LISTEN AND TO SERVE YOU!

The 2023/2024 Sisterhood Board



Cynthia Dubensky



Suellen Eshed



Ellen Ettinger



Rachel Gibbs- Shapiro



Liz Gross



Linda Hetzer



Marian Klein



Fran Kolin



Judith Lorber



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